

MEMORANDUM FOR: Legislative Counsel

FROM: Director of Central Intelligence

SUBJECT: Senator Jackson's Letter on Intelligence Performance

1. I just read the full letter from Jackson to Bayh on intelligence performance. Handle this how you like, but I think you should call Jim Roche and privately tell him that I'm furious. Moreover, you could privately tell him that I'm extremely disappointed if he, in fact, had any hand in this. It's one thing to be critical of us, but on page 2 to list all these intelligence surprises which are nothing more than coups and disorders is ridiculous. That simply is not what we are primarily in business to do. If Roche has that kind of a concept of our mission, I think he ought to come out here and out of friendship I would like to talk to him for half an hour and try to straighten him out. Among other things, he's misinformed there. We were well aware of the possibility of a North Yemen arms deal with the Soviet Union.

2. He further jumps his logic when he asks about Soviet involvement in the Middle East and we say we have no evidence, we're bound to be wrong. That is just based on the assumption that "the Russians are coming."

3. As I mentioned to you, I resent the idea of Roche and Jackson trying to ram a task force down our throats. That is his particular solution to a problem that he envisages. I'm working in a number of other directions on my own. It's the job of an Oversight Committee to tell us what they want accomplished and why and not how I should organize to do it. Roche, as a military man, should understand that basic principle well enough to head off this kind of drive.

4. I don't know whether we give the Committee the NITs, but if so, with reference to the penultimate paragraph, why don't you ask Roche to look through that and tell us what priorities he would downgrade in order to give the "highest priorities" to the Middle East.

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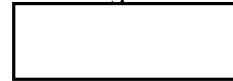
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